
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: SIMMONS
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: IHL REQUEST FOR GOVERNOR TO CALL SENATOR LOTT
DATE: 9/13/2000
CC: BOYD
FILE

Dr. Bill McHenry, IHL's Assistant Commissioner for Academic Affairs, phoned this morning to inquire as to if the Governor or someone from our office could contact Senator Lott's office concerning the GEAR UP grant submitted by IHL. Dr. McHenry has been given a "heads up" that, although IHL's grant does not appear as if it is going to be funded, it was either next or the "second next" for funding. If the grant were funded, the program would receive \$10 million. The mission of the proposal is to ensure that disadvantaged middle- and high-school students are prepared and encouraged to pursue a college education (abstract of grant is attached). Dr. McHenry explains his request in greater detail in his attached memo.

I explained that I would pass his request on to you, as you are our intergovernmental relations contact. He spoke to Commissioner Layzell on this matter and the Commissioner thought a call from our office would carry more weight with Senator Lott's staff.